

# SOCIETY NEWS and GOSSIP

## THREE NEW HOSTESSES OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS

**W**HILE really no hilarity attended the social doings at the Capital during the week, there was a pleasant ripple of excitement attendant upon the homecoming of so many bright young people, and a decidedly pleasant promise for the weeks just following the New Year.

The White House, the center of the social life of the nation, was typical of American domesticity in its Christmas, and the President carried out his oft-reiterated belief that the season was made for family enjoyment more than for outside hospitality. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt sent Christmas presents to the school children and some needy people at Oyster Bay, and then they made many a heart glad besides with donations to the Christmas store.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt had all of their children with them and even their departure for Pine Knot, the little Virginia estate of Mrs. Roosevelt, did not entirely break up the family party, as three of the boys accompanied them. Miss Ethel Roosevelt preferred to attend some festivities in New York rather than chase wild turkeys and rabbits over the Virginia country, and when her parents went to take the train for the country she took a train for New York, and for several days she will enjoy a visit to Miss Landon, whom she visited just before Christmas.

She will return here in time for the great New Year reception, and it is thought that Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, who has been ill at the White House for two weeks, but was able to go to her own home Thursday, may be able to visit the Blue Room for a while during the reception.

The President issued invitations for the diplomatic reception just before going to the country, and also for a dinner to be followed by a musicale January 3.

**T**HERE was a formal dinner at the British embassy Monday evening, and all the embassies and legations made merry for the Christmas, the South and Central American homes being particularly gay. The Austrian Ambassador and Baroness Hengelmüller have not missed having a Christmas tree in several years, and though both the ambassador and his little daughter, Mila, were ill when the sun rose the day before Christmas, the latter had sufficiently recovered by afternoon to receive a number of her little friends, as well as those of her mother, and show them the tree.

This latter symbol of the Christmas was in the library, and was so large that it filled one corner of the room. It was laden with the decorations, most of them imported, but so well known to little American boys and girls—tinsel, chains, strands of shimmering gold and silver, fairies, butterflies, horns, bags, boxes, and hundreds of wax tapers.

With a genuine love for little children, though the German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg have none of their own, they arranged a big Christmas tree, and invited the President's children to be present at the unveiling. All during the week the charming baroness and her sister, Miss Langham, entertained her little friends with the tree, which never failed to hold the most exquisite gifts for all of the little visitors.

The Leap Year dance at Rauscher's Christmas night, the dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foulke the preceding night, and the debutante teas for Miss Jane Sands Friday, Miss Katherine Leech, and Miss Mary Lodge McKee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Robert McKee, and granddaughter of the late President Harrison, yesterday, wound the week out quite gracefully. The latter brought out a large number of Washington people in and out of official society who have not been seen except on rare occasions for several administrations. The young granddaughter of President Harrison heard many quaint and pleasing stories told of her little girl life in the White House, where she spent most of her time while her grandfather was the Chief Executive.

Benjamin Harrison McKee, the "Baby McKee" of the Harrison administration, and who was here from Yale for his Christmas holidays, proved almost as much of an attraction at the tea as did his sister. Mrs. McKee will spend the gayest part of the winter in Washington, and Mr. McKee will make week-end visits to his family, who will occupy apartments in the Grafton.

**N**EXT week will be particularly gay with the New Year. The reception at the home of the President and all of the Cabinet homes, as well as open house in a number of official families, will add to the pleasure of the week.

Senator and Mrs. Elkins will give a dinner Monday evening for Lieut. Ulysses S. Grant, third, and his bride, formerly Miss Edith Root, daughter of the Secretary of State, and Tuesday Rear Admiral and Mrs. William Sheffield Cowles will give a dinner for the Ambassador to Great Britain and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid. The same night the Postmaster General and Mrs. Meyer will give a dinner dance for their attractive daughters, the only girls of the Cabinet circle.

Mrs. William F. Draper will give a young folks' dance for her daughter, Miss Margaret Preston Draper. This event marks the lengthening of a number of skirts to the ankle, for instead of this really beautiful fancy dress ball being an afternoon affair, as formerly, it will take place at night this year, and will be more brilliant than ever. Mrs. Leiter will also give a New Year dance, and hundreds of society people will dance at the Washington Barracks Tuesday evening, for it is a benefit for the Army and Navy League, a helpful society in which everybody about town is interested. Large parties have been formed for the dance, and hundreds of tickets have been sold. Mrs. George M. Sternberg has charge of the sale of the tickets, and has arranged with the street car company to run cars to and from the barracks until 2 o'clock New Year morning.

The Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Robert Bacon will give a dinner dance New Year night. The British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce will give another dinner Thursday evening, and Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles will repeat their hospitality by becoming dinner hosts for the Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Glover will also give a dinner Thursday evening, and Gen. and Mrs. John A. Johnston will entertain at dinner, with Lieut. and Mrs. Ulysses Grant as their guests of honor.

Friday evening the German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg will entertain a number of guests to meet and bid good-by to Prince zu Lynar, who will leave soon for a diplomatic station abroad. The same evening Mr. and Mrs. William J. Boardman will entertain for Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, who will be greatly feted and entertained during their stay in Washington as the guests of the President's brother-in-law and sister, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles.

White House	Diplomatic
The President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Carow, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, and the three boys, who have gone to Mrs. Roosevelt's country place, Pine Knot, in Albemarle county, Va., for a portion of the holiday season, will probably return to the White House Tuesday.	The Italian Ambassador and Baroness Mayor des Planches were the guests of honor at dinner last evening of the Counselor of the French Embassy and Mme. des Portes de la Poisse.
Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the only member of the family, with the exception of Mrs. Longworth, now in Washington, was the guest last evening of Mrs. A. B. Butler and the Misses Butler, of Wendell mansion, at an informal dinner, followed by a theater party.	Invited to meet the ambassador and baroness were Mr. and Mrs. Noel Bardac, of France, the parents of the Viscountess de Martel, who are spending the holiday season with their son-in-law and daughter; Miss Patten, Mrs. Nicholas Fish, the Danish minister, Mr. Brun, and Major Fournier, of the French embassy.
	The Austrian ambassador, who has been ill recently with a severe attack



MME. VON LIVONIUS,  
Wife New Military Attaché of the German Embassy.



SENORA DE CRUZ,  
Wife of the New Minister from Chile.



BARONESS PREUSCHEN VON UND  
ZU LIEBENSTEIN,  
Wife New Naval Attaché Austrian Em-  
bassy.

of the grip, is now convalescent and able to drive out with his little daughter, Mila, who is also convalescent.

With the baroness, the ambassador will receive the second and third Saturdays in January after dinner in the evening.

The Viscount and Viscountess de Martel, of the French embassy, entertained informally at luncheon yesterday in their home on N street in honor of the viscountess's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Bardac, of France, who are spending the holidays with them.

The Military Attaché of the German Embassy and Mme. von Livonius entertained informally at luncheon yesterday in their new home on K street, having among their guests Captain Hans Rusir, of the Augusta Victoria, the ship upon which Captain and Mme. von Livonius recently came to this country, and Lieutenant von Bruning, of the German embassy.

Captain and Mme. von Livonius, who have taken for the winter the house 1628 K street, are now comfortably established there and have furnished the house most artistically with their ancestral furniture, brought from their home in Germany. Not the least interesting member of the household is their little ten-month-old baby boy, Armin, named for his uncle in Germany.

The Ambassador from Japan and the Viscountess Aoki will leave Washington tomorrow for their return trip to Japan. The viscountess has persistently refused all social invitations for the past few weeks, reserving her strength for the trip.

The Mexican Ambassador and Mme. Creel were the guests of honor of the Minister from Bolivia and Mme. Calderon at dinner last evening in their home on Sixteenth street. Invited to meet the guests of honor were the Minister from Colombia and Mme. Cortes, the Minister from Peru and Mme. Pardo, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Anderson, the Mexican Minister to Cuba and Mme. Godoy, Senator and Mrs. Burrows, and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster.

The Minister from Belgium and Baroness Moncheur have issued invitations for a dinner Wednesday evening, January 15.

Miss Calderon, daughter of the Minister from Bolivia, has cards out for a tea Friday afternoon, January 3.

Senor Don Estaban Felipe Carbo, charge d'affaires of the legation of Ecuador, will leave Washington today for New York, where he will meet his father, the minister from Ecuador, on his return, after a prolonged absence in his own country, on Monday. They will return to Washington in time for the New Year reception.

Mme. Pastor, wife of the first secretary of the Spanish legation, will be at home Wednesday in January.

Miss Mary Lodge McKee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Robert McKee, and granddaughter of the late President Benjamin Harrison, who spent four years of her childhood in the White House, made her debut yesterday afternoon at a tea at Rauscher's. The tea took place in the ballroom, which was tastefully decorated with palms, and the floral tributes sent to the debutante

from friends of her mother and grandfather.

In the receiving party with Mrs. McKee and her daughter were Mrs. Elkins, wife of Senator Elkins of West Virginia; Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. Russell B. Harrison, Mrs. Timmons, wife of Lieut. John Timmons and daughter of the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks; Mrs. Charles S. Brownell, wife of Colonel Brownell; Mrs. Richardson Clover, wife of Capt. Richardson Clover, U. S. N.; Mrs. R. C. J. Walker, of Philadelphia and her niece, Mrs. Richard W. Meirs, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Arthur Lee, sister of Mrs. Elkins; Mrs. C. C. Glover, Mrs. Lee Phillips, and Mrs. A. B. Gwatney, of New York.

The young ladies who assisted throughout the afternoon were Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Elkins; Miss Grace Jarvis, granddaughter of the late Senator McMillan; Miss Eleanor Ridgely, Miss Constance Hoyt, Miss Evelyn Chew, Miss Ellen Griffith, Miss Eleanor Parker, Miss Frederica Morgan, and Miss Martha Harrison, daughter of Benjamin Russell Harrison.

Mrs. McKee wore a handsome costume of embroidered blue tulle silk with lace trimmings, and a pearl collar. Miss McKee wore a dainty gown of white embroidered net with trimmings of white satin ribbon and carried an armful of the flowers sent to her, and in addition a old-fashioned bouquet made up with a frill of lace paper around it. Mrs. Russell Harrison wore a gown of dark blue velvet embroidered in gold. Mrs. Meir's gown was of maroon chiffon embroidered in gold.

The tea was the smartest event of the day, and the guests, numbering three or four hundred, included the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, almost all of the members of the Cabinet and their families, and representative diplomatic, judicial, Congressional, army, and navy, and resident circles of Washington society.

Gen. and Mrs. William F. Draper, who have returned to Washington this season after a prolonged absence abroad, will entertain New Year Eve at a fancy dress ball in honor of their daughter, Miss Margaret Preston Draper, who is a student at St. Timothy's Hall, Catonsville, Md., and who is spending the holiday season with her parents. General and Mrs. Draper will also entertain at luncheon Friday, January 3, and at dinner Monday evening, January 6.

Mrs. James Harriman will entertain at luncheon informally today in her home, on Connecticut avenue. Her guests will be Miss Mabel Johnson, Miss Claire Howard, Miss Harriman, Washington Cottman, William Bowie Clarke, and William Hays Ackland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Glover will entertain at a young people's dance Thursday evening, January 2, in honor of their son, C. C. Glover, Jr., a Yale student, who is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury have issued invitations for a dinner Thursday evening, January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany Dyer returned to Washington yesterday from New York where they spent the Christmas holidays.

The Third Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Huntington Wilson have returned to Washington from New York, where they spent the holidays.

Quite a number of prominent society people have been suffering lately from the grip and have been obliged to

cancel many of their engagements. Among those who are now convalescent are Mr. and Mrs. James Pinchot and Mrs. Stanley Mathews.

Mrs. B. H. Warder has been entertaining for the holiday season her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellis, of New York. Mrs. Ellis will remain with her mother over the New Year.

Brigadier General and Mrs. Sharpe entertained at luncheon yesterday in their home on M street.

Representative and Mrs. Peter A. Porter, of the Connecticut, have as their guest for the holidays Miss Julia Carroll, of New York city, a cousin of Mr. Porter, for whom they will entertain at tea Tuesday afternoon, December 3.

The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Beekman Winthrop have returned to Washington after spending the Christmas holidays in New York, the guests of Mrs. Robert S. Winthrop.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Moran will entertain at dinner in their home on New Hampshire avenue Thursday evening, January 9, and at bridge Saturday afternoon, January 11.

Mrs. John L. Moorehead has cards out for a dinner Saturday evening, January 25.

Paymaster General and Mrs. H. T. D. Harris have as their guest in their home on Rhode Island avenue Mrs. Williams Chester, of New York city.

Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins entertained at a card party yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Jennings, who is sailing shortly for Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. White, who have taken the de Sibus house on Nineteenth street for the winter, have as their guest William Wainwright, of New York city.

Mrs. Chatard will entertain a number of guests at cards tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Duncan McKim, who have issued invitations for a musicale Tuesday evening, January 7, will have as the artists of the occasion the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Dr. and Mrs. McKim have also issued invitations for a dinner Friday evening, January 10.

Mrs. L. Z. Letter will entertain at a young people's dance New Year Eve.

The Epworth League has issued cards for the "Southern States Reception," to be held at Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church South Wednesday evening, Jan-

attractions will be the Metropolitan quartet, which will sing a number of selections during the evening.

Miss Irene Stanton, of Cumberland, Md., has been the guest of the Misses Mellons during the holidays.

G. Herbert Pallin and Ralph Richmond, students at Doris-Elkins College, are spending the holidays with friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Noyes entertained at a young people's dance last evening at Rauscher's in honor of their daughter, one of the debutantes of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Noyes and Miss Noyes were unassisted in receiving their guests. Mrs. Noyes wore a modish costume of white embroidered chiffon and Miss Noyes wore a pale pink gown of chiffon cloth, trimmed with lace, and carried a bouquet of violets.

The guests were mostly the debutantes of this season and last and the men of the younger dancing contingent.

The Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver will entertain informally at luncheon today in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Choate, Jr., who is spending the holiday season with them. Lieut. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, 3d, who are the guests of Mrs. Grant's parents, the Secretary of State and Mrs. Root, will be among the guests.

The charity ball of the Southern Relief Society, which will take place in

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